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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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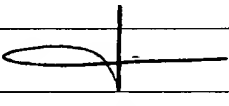
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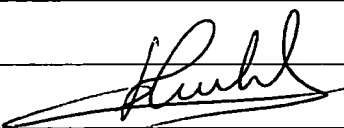
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